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**This week's topics:**

1. Finish this sentence. I always read the newsletter but never write because....
2. So, what's happening in your life, your town, your church, your weather, whatever?
3. Did you celebrate the 4th? How?

**and responses:**

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Chuck Hiners - [chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com](mailto:chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com)

Here are some reasons someone might think but won't write:

1. Because I am a deplorable and don't want the woke mob trolling me
2. Because I don't want Alice Hayward rolling over because I violated some rule of grammar in Warriners
3. Because I might get called out for criticizing something someone else wrote
4. Because someone will put me on the reunion committee
5. Because some people just don't want to be found

6. Because I can't match Dick Trudeau's wonderful tales
  7. Because no one will remember me anyway
  8. Because I have made it really big and don't want anyone hitting me up for \$\$
  9. Because I was a nerd and now run a multinational conglomerate with 10,000 employees working for me
  10. Because I wrote for Lincoln Lights and my articles got rejected
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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

My biggest regret is that where we are now there are almost no young children to interface with. As I look back to my growing up years, there were lots of old folks that influenced how I turned out and left me with many pleasant memories. Riding on my grand father's horse drawn wagon and making hay on his very run down farm. My Grandma cooking on a wood stove and my old neighbor and my step dad sitting in the driveway chatting away on every subject in the world. When I do see my grand kids I try to interest them in things that I loved. Trees and how they compete in the forest. Engineering where you learn how things work and use that knowledge to solve problems. The large varieties of people out there and that most of them are good when you get to know them.

Guess that brings me to your newsletter. All you in the silent majority, get to writing. I'm nosy and want to know what you are up to? Time to shoo off the deer in the yard. A 20 gauge blast will sound like a late 4th of July celebration and will also wake up the neighbors. My revenge for all their fireworks over the weekend.

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Bill Hartley - [toyguy5538@aol.com](mailto:toyguy5538@aol.com)

I love #1! Kudos to the topic master!

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Barbara Cammack - [barbaracammack@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaracammack@hotmail.com)

It was a quiet,rainy July 4 for us. We went to church, even though it was an effort for me. It was day 10 of my reverse shoulder replacement recovery. A fellow parishioner asked me about my sling/surgery. Turns out he will have the same procedure by the same doctor soon. I had to admit it was nasty. After the nerve block wore off in 48 hours, I had electrical shocks thru my arm that made me jump

and scream. I went to the hospital at 8am and was home by 4. Next day nurse and therapist came to the house as they will for the month. Then more PT for 4-8 weeks at his office rehab. It is the worst replacement surgery of hips, knees, ankles for pain and recovery. I can't think of doing my other one for a long time. It sure isn't for sissies! And going home as outpatient was scary too. Bill has been a very patient nurse.

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2. We are doing good, I get an infusion for my arthritis, I admit that my feet hurt most of the time, but we stay active with golf in the summer, and curl in the winter.
  3. Stevens point has a three day event next to the river, so we spent most of the time listening to different bands. On Sunday night a good party.
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Dick Trudeau LHS '64 - [dickmerry77@hotmail.com](mailto:dickmerry77@hotmail.com)

I ALWAYS READ THE NEWSLETTER BUT NEVER WRITE BECAUSE -- I read the newsletter because the people of my youth are of more interest to me than those I've met along the way. It's not that those of us from Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin are any better than those from elsewhere, it's just that those to whom the newsletter is directed are the people I shared the fun and frightening days of innocence with. It's a bond that can't be broken.

I'm sure a psychologist could explain why we retain our parochial prejudices, but why question it. That's just way it is. I've lived in Idaho two-thirds of my life but I still root for the Packers, Badgers, Brewers, and Bucks. Whenever I pass a person wearing Packer clothing or bearing Wisconsin license plates, I stop them and ask them "what part of Wisconsin are you from". I'd bet many of you do the same.

The one thing I remember from our high school psychology class is the term "imprinting". The example was a newly hatched duckling permanently following the first thing it sees, typically the mother duck. You all are my "mother duck".

I DO contribute to the newsletter for two reasons. First of all, I've had some experiences since leaving our hometown that some of my fellow "ducklings" may find interesting. Secondly, I feel an obligation to the man who faithfully publishes the newsletter and thank him for his efforts by participating.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE? -- Right now it's the weather. 14 straight days of 100 degree + heat. In my part of the country, we console ourselves by saying it's a "dry heat". BS, hot is hot. Give me the cold of winter anytime.

HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE THE 4TH? -- We went to our cabin in the mountains. Still too hot!

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1. - I always read the newsletter and OFTEN write because I like the give-and-take from our classmates, and I sometimes learn things too.

For example, I never realized while in high school that there was a whole group of guys who loved cars and also working on them. Reading about places around the Rapids where guys could buy parts and learn about fixing cars made me realize there was a whole world I didn't know existed. My dad and my two brothers weren't "car guys."

Thanks for all your work on this newsletter Kent.

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Ron Karnatz - [karnatzr@wctc.net](mailto:karnatzr@wctc.net)

Greetings;

#1 I always read the newsletter and say to myself, I got to write about the subject. Then it suddenly is Thursday and I am reading the newsletter and think, oh, I never did get around to writing. I need to be at my lap top to respond to any of the subjects/questions and I usually read the newsletter on my phone. Poor excuse but that is the way it is.

#3 Char and I had a very home bound 4th of July celebration. We are dog sitting for our son and his dog is not a fan of loud booms. We did go to Stevens Point on Saturday and spent the day with our other son and his family at Riverfront. Had fun with the kids (ages 2 and 4) doing the games and bounce houses and eating some really good food truck food. We also did the 5K walk along the river part of the Green Circle. On the 4th we were at home. I grilled a little, took the dog for a walk before all of the booming started and than spent the rest of the evening in the lower level family room watching TV, mostly the PBS 4th celebration.

This week end we will run down to Jefferson to return the dog to her family and then go to the county fair and pay for lots of rides for our granddaughters, ages 10 and 12.

I was checking out the class of 65 reunion invitation and discovered that is the week end we are going to an Oak Ridge Boys Concert and have not heard that it has been cancelled or postponed.

Kent and Judy thank you for keeping the newsletter going. I'll try to write more often.

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I don't write because:

I'm retired.

I'm still working.

I'm too lazy.

I'm too busy.

My wife won't let me.

The dog needs a walk.

My computer crashed.

It's too nice outside to be stuck writing to the newsletter.

My kids might read it.

The government is tracking everything I email.

I can't spell.

All the good comments are already used.

Someone else can do it better.

Someone will criticize me.

One of my old teachers might read it.

I don't want to.

Everybody will laugh at me.

Nobody will laugh. Maybe next year.

Don't know what to say.

When you don't want to do something, one excuse is just as good as another.